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Subject: Proposed Cessation of Hydraulic Control at Merrill Mining's
Florence Project, APP# 101704 and UIC Permit # AZ39600001

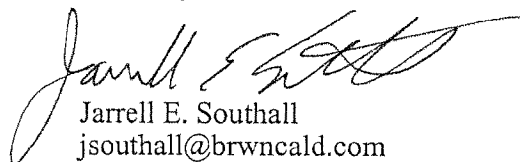
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Please call me at 602-567-3892 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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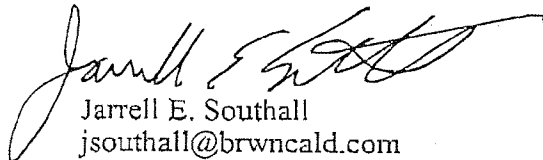
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